

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CANBER 02146 230033Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-12 ISO-00 CU-06 AID-05 USIA-15
PA-02 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 /077 W
-----094339 231338Z /53

R 222313Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2766
USIA WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY LONDON
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS CANBERRA 2146

STATE FOR IO/UNESCO

USIA FOR IEA

PARIS FOR UNESCO PERMANENT DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UNESCO, SOPN
SUBJ: CANBERRA IPI MEETING

REF: STATE 64404; CANBERRA USIAC 1852

POUCHING PRESS CLIPPINGS REFERRING TO UNESCO ISSUE DURING
IPI ASSEMBLY TO STATE AND PARIS.

MR. PETER GALLANER, IPI DIRECTOR AND MR. BEEBE, MIAMI
HERALD PUBLISHER, CHIEF SPOKESMEN FOR ANTI-UNESCO VIEWS,
FEELING WORDING SUCH AS APPEARS IN THE NAIROBI DRAFT OF
UNESCO POLICY REFERRING TO MEDIA BEING UNDER JURISDICTION
OF STATES INVITES STATE CONTROL. BEEBE, CHAIRMAN OF THE
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE REFERRED TO OBSERVATION AT
THE BOGOTA UNESCO MEETING THAT "COMMUNISTS AND LEFTISTS"
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CANBER 02146 230033Z

WERE WELL ADVANCED IN MOVES TO MUZZLE ALL MEDIA BY
GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

ALTHOUGH MR. GALLANER ALSO CRITICISED THE THIRD WORLD
MEDIA POOL IDEA, MR. SEAN MACBRIDE, PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION INTO THE STUDY OF COMMUNICATIONS
PROBLEMS SAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING TO BE SAID ON BOTH

SIDES, NOTING THE SHORTCOMINGS OF PRESENT NEWS SERVICES IN PROVIDING BALANCED/COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THIRD WORLD.

MRS. ROSEMARY RIGHTER OF THE SUNDAY TIMES OF LONDON ALSO PRINCIPAL CRITIC OF UNESCO SAYING THAT THE MEDIA POLICY HAD BUILT-IN FAULTS THAT SHOULD CONCERN IPI: THAT THE STATE BECOMES ARBITER OF WHAT USES OF THE MEDIA BEST SERVED DEVELOPMENT, THAT FLOW OF NEWS SHOULD BE BASED ON RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND THAT THE TOTAL APPROACH TO COMMUNICATIONS MERGES FUNCTIONS OF NEWS, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION, SHE ASSERTED THAT MOST UNESCO OFFICIALS FAVORED A GUIDED PRESS IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

GIVEN THE ATMOSPHERE AT ASSEMBLY OF REPEATED CHAMPIONING OF FREE PRESS, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE DELEGATES FOUND IT EASY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECRYING "POSSIBILITY" THAT THE UNESCO POLICY DRAFTS COULD LEAD TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE MEDIA, OR ENDORSING CAMPAIGN TO INFORM GOVERNMENTS OF HARMFUL ELEMENTS IN PROPOSED UNESCO DECLARATIONS.

RECOMMEND CONTACTING MR. BLOCK, PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE, U.S. DELEGATION LEADER, FOR MORE COMPLETE FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF DEBATE ON UNESCO ISSUE.
ALSTON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING AGENDA, THE PRESS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978CANBER02146
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780128-0349
Format: TEL
From: CANBERRA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780339/aaaabgqf.tel
Line Count: 86
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 646ec1bf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 64404, 78 CANBERRA 1852
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3243692
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CANBERRA IPI MEETING
TAGS: SOPN, AS, UNESCO, INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE, IPI
To: STATE USIA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/646ec1bf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014